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SUBJECT: PASSPORT RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL TO NORTH KOREA

REF: SEOUL 5781, 5871

1. KOREAN EMBASSY HAS MADE THREE APPROACHES TO DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST THAT PASSPORT RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL BY AMERICAN CITIZENS TO NORTH KOREA BE RENEWED.

2. ON SEPT 6 AMBASSADOR HAHM PHONED ASSISTANT SECRETARY-DESIGNATE HABIB TO STRESS IMPORTANCE ROKG ATTACHES TO USG MAINTAINING RESTRICTIONS. HABIB REPLIED THAT DEPARTMENT FULLY AWARE OF KOREAN VIEWS, HAS QUESTION UNDER CAREFUL REVIEW AND IS LOOKING AT IT FROM A GLOBAL STANDPOINT. HABIB PROMISED TO INFORM ROKG OF FINAL DECISION.

3. KOREAN EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR KIM CALLED EA/K SEPT 4 AND 5 ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM MOFA TO REQUEST THAT USG RENEW RESTRICTIONS. KIM POINTED OUT THAT NOW IS NOT THE RIGHT TIME TO "OPEN THE GATES TO NORTH KOREA" IN VIEW OF CONTINUING NORTH KOREAN HOSTILITY TOWARDS SOUTH, ASSASSINATION OF MRS. PARK AND OPENING OF UNGA. KIM WAS INFORMED THAT MATTER WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION AND DUE WEIGHT WILL BE GIVEN TO ROKG VIEWS.

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4. SUGGEST EMBASSY DRAW ON FOREGOING IN MAKING RESPONSE TO MOFA. FYI: RESTRICTIONS WILL EXPIRE SEPT 14 UNLESS

EXTENDED. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE OPINION THAT RESTRICTIONS  
ON TRAVEL TO CUBA, NORTH KOREA AND NORTH VIETNAM SHOULD  
EXPIRE SIMULTANEOUSLY BUT FINAL DECISION ON WHETHER  
RESTRICTIONS SHOULD AGAIN BE RENEWED OR ALLOWED TO EXPIRE  
AT THIS TIME HAS NOT BEEN MADE. WE WILL INFORM EMBASSY  
SEOUL AND KOREAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON OF DECISION IN  
ADVANCE OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT. END FYI. KISSINGER

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